

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on April 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 32, 4/5/2017; SB 361, 4/3/2017  
Executive Action: HJ 32, SB 361

**HEARING ON SB 361****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:06 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 361, Revise education laws related to truancy.

00:01:44 Rep. Curtis joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:35 Nick Domitrovick, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:12:45 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:17:19 Rep. Dunwell

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:53 Rep. Vinton

00:21:29 Nick Domitrovick, DPHHS

00:22:47 Rep. Schreiner

00:25:28 Sen. Vincent

00:27:54 Rep. Anderson

00:31:45 Nick Domitrovick, DPHHS

00:32:09 Rep. Bachmeier

00:32:30 Nick Domitrovick, DPHHS

00:33:57 Rep. Staffanson

00:35:35 Sen. Vincent

00:36:36 Rep. P. Webb

00:37:07 Nick Domitrovick, DPHHS

00:38:14 Rep. Staffanson

00:38:52 Nick Domitrovick, DPHHS

00:40:50 Rep. Schreiner

00:41:20 Sen. Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:06 Sen. Vincent

**HEARING ON HJ 32****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:44 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HJ 32, Request interim study of truancy and chronic absenteeism.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:03 Abby Kuhl, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(edh75a01\)](#)**

00:53:41 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:25 Rep. Vinton  
00:56:57 Abby Kuhl, Self  
00:57:07 Rep. Funk  
00:57:35 Abby Kuhl, Self  
00:58:12 Rep. Anderson  
00:59:06 Rep. Dunwell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:28 Rep. Dunwell

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 361**

01:01:26 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 361 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:01:42 Rep. Curtis  
01:05:26 Rep. Schreiner  
01:09:10 Rep. Price  
01:10:09 Rep. Staffanson  
01:10:36 Rep. Vinton  
01:11:57 Rep. Webber  
01:13:36 Rep. Funk  
01:14:47 Rep. Schreiner  
01:15:20 Laura Sakney Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:15:57 Rep. Schreiner  
01:16:23 Rep. Anderson

01:17:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy. Rep. Staffanson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 32**

01:18:21 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HJ 32 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:18:32 Rep. Bachmeier

01:19:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy.

01:21:09 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HJ 32 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 124**

01:21:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 124 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 11-3 by voice vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway were excused.

01:23:12 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 124 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:23:20 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 124 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(edh75a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:23:48 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:24:24 Chair Berglee

01:24:40 Rep. Greef

01:26:04 Rep. Staffanson

01:26:22 Rep. P. Webb

01:26:51 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:27:29 Rep. Vinton

01:27:50 Rep. Greef

01:28:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy.

01:29:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 124 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Essmann, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy. Rep. Essmann will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:30:31

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh75aad.pdf](#))